

My Dear Colbrich

German Flats June 16th 1776

I last night was alarmed in my Tent by
an Express delivering the enclosed letter from Mr
Spanner.

The People here are alarmed to an extraordinary
manner, & you may see for what. There are daily
expresses from Fort Stanwix pressing me to go
up by the Commandant there, who says that
Capt Scabers Company are mutinous & disorder-
ly to the last degree.

I am surprised, that Gen Shuyler has
not given more particular Instructions re-
specting the destination of our Regiment. I
wonder if he intends we should take possession of
& fortify at Fort Stan^L. before the first of July.
if he does, certainly the sooner the better, Mr
Deane, now informs me that the Oneidas would
be most fond of it & are surprised it has not been
done ever now. Mr Deane carries this letter as far
as Maj^r Fonda's, where he lodges this night.

It is my Opinion that the whiteman with letters
from Pittsburg to the Indians, is a Messenger sent
to inform them, That a force is marching against Ni-
agara from Virginia or Pensil^a & that they should
not be alarmed; but this is ^{my} bare suspition.

Mr Deane is in haste which occasions me to be
in the same.

Our men are all hearty, behave well, &
are well supplied with provision. One of our
Soldiers in Capt Emleys Com^d drowned the day before
yesterday & was buried yesterday; his name was
Merry.

My Love to Mr Caldwell

Dr Colonel I am yours
sincerely

J Barber

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48
49
50
51
52
53
54
55
56
57
58
59
60
61
62
63
64
65
66
67
68
69
70
71
72
73
74
75
76
77
78
79
80
81
82
83
84
85
86
87
88
89
90
91
92
93
94
95
96
97
98
99
100



Faint, illegible handwritten text, possibly a signature or date, located near the bottom left of the page.

To

Elias Dayton Esq^r
 Colonel of 3^d Regiment &
 Commandant, at
 Johnstown,

To be forwarded
 in haste }

Major Barber

Letter June 16th

Killed during the
 Revolution — a
 brave & most pious —
 very officer